

Region 1Hot Topics**R1 Approves Maine Water Quality Criteria**

On June 23, R1 approved human health criteria (HHC) water quality standards submitted by the State of Maine under the Clean Water Act. The State developed the criteria to protect sustenance fish consumption up to 200 grams/day in specific waters both within and outside the reservations of the Indian Tribes in Maine. The State worked with the Tribes to identify locations that their members use for sustenance fishing to which these sustenance fishing HHC apply. In addition, the State updated its HHC statewide to address EPA's most recent scientific recommendations.

R1 Issues Clean Data Determination for 2008 O₃ NAAQS in Connecticut

On June 22, a Final Clean Data Determination was signed by the Regional Administrator stating that the Greater Connecticut Serious 8-hour ozone nonattainment area has attained the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. This action suspends certain reporting requirements for this area on the condition the area continues to attain the NAAQS.

R1 Collaborates with Federal Partners on Northeast Gateway Deepwater Port

On June 22, R1 met with the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC) regarding the Northeast Gateway Deepwater Port. Excelerate Energy L.L.C., which owns and operates the liquefied natural gas Port, is seeking approval to allow for expanded operations at the Port. FPISC is assisting Excelerate to understand the environmental requirements relevant to their facility's proposed operational expansion. Separately, on June 25, R1 and HQ staff held an interagency meeting with the Maritime Administration and U.S. Coast Guard, which jointly oversee the licensing of the Port, to discuss EPA's applicable air permitting requirements under the Deepwater Port Act. Regional Administrator Dennis Deziel also met with representatives from Excelerate Energy on June 19 to discuss the project.

R1 Continues Progress on NPDES Permit Backlog

Between June 19, and June 24, six New Hampshire municipal permits were released for public notice and comment. These permits were developed using R1 "team permitting" approach for eliminating our permit backlog. Under this approach, permit engineers work together to review and draft permits in an effort to meet R1 backlog reduction goals.

R1 Approves Several TMDLs for Total Nitrogen on Cape Cod

On June 18, R1 approved a package of Total Nitrogen TMDLs for the Falmouth area of Cape Cod, including Falmouth Inner Harbor, Megansett-Squeteague Harbor, and the Waquoit Bay-Eel River system. High levels of nitrogen have a negative effect on eelgrass, and the implementation of these TMDLs will lead to the restoration of eelgrass and benthic communities within these waters.

R1 Issues CAA 112(r) Compliance Order to Town of Montague in Massachusetts

On June 19, R1 issued a Unilateral Administrative Order under the Clean Air Act to the Town of Montague for its failure to perform a process hazard review under the Clean Air Act's General Duty Clause at its publicly-owned treatment works. The facility uses chlorine as a disinfectant but has not analyzed the hazards associated with its use. The Order requires the Town to perform a process hazard review.

R1 Proposes Notice of Intent to Partially Delist Parcel from Industri-plex Superfund Site

On June 18, RA Dennis Deziel signed the proposed Notice of Intent to Partially Delist (NOIPD) the 200 Presidential Way parcel from the Industri-Plex Superfund Site in Woburn, Massachusetts. R1 and MassDEP have determined that all appropriate response actions at the identified parcel under CERCLA have been completed. This partial deletion pertains to soil and groundwater at the approximately 10.7-acre 200 Presidential Way parcel; remaining areas/media at the site will remain on the NPL.

R1 Responds to Activist Concerns at W.R. Grace Superfund Site

On June 22, R1 sent a letter to Green Acton outlining new well locations for additional sampling at the W.R. Grace Superfund Site. In response to meetings with Green Acton in November 2019, R1 provided a letter outlining the policy that has governed the agency's response to the presence of 1,4-dioxane at the Site, as well as a comprehensive review of the historic 1,4-dioxane sampling that has occurred. Based on the review, W.R. Grace proposed several new well locations for the 2020 sampling event to address Green Acton's concerns regarding the presence of 1,4-dioxane at the site.

R1 Responds to Strathmore Mill Fire in Russell, Massachusetts

On June 20, R1 responded to a fire at a mill complex on the banks of the Westfield River in Russell, Massachusetts. The mill is owned by a private individual. At the time of the fire, the mill was not known to contain hazardous substances. However, pipe wrap and roofing material is believed to contain asbestos and MassDEP hired a clean-up contractor to recover the asbestos contaminated material. This is the second major fire at a historic mill in R1 this month.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Upcoming Planning for Summer Webinar Series on Mills

On July 2, R1 will participate in a virtual meeting with the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), as part of the Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) program. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan an upcoming R1 mill redevelopment webinar series anticipated to take place later this summer and fall. Potential topics for discussion are: repositioning mills, guides and tools, tax incentives, and reuses well suited for mill sites.

R1 Terminates NPDES Permit for Loon Mountain Recreation Corporation

On July 3, the termination of the NPDES permit for Loon Mountain Recreation Corporation will become effective unless the facility objects. On June 4, R1 sent a Notice of Termination to Loon Mountain Recreation Corporation for their NPDES Permit permitting the discharge of snowmaking drainback water. Changes by the Facility to reroute discharges from an outstanding resource water to a retention basin as well as the 2008 issuance of the Water Transfer Rule disqualified the facility's discharge from eligibility under the NPDES program.

Region 2Hot Topics**Administrator & Deputy Administrator join Region 2 All Employees Meeting**

On June 25, R2 is holding an All Employees meeting to discuss our impending entry into Phase 1 at our office locations in NY and NJ. Both the Administrator and the Deputy Administrator are joining Pete Lopez and regional senior leadership for this meeting, and the Administrator is speaking with regional employees about the process for moving through the three phases of reopening, and specifically addressing employee's concerns about the eventual move into Phase 3. Lisa Baxter from ORD is also participating to provide information about the Facility Status Dashboard.

Limetree Signs Consent Decree Modification for St. Croix Facility

On June 18, Limetree Bay Terminals (LBT) signed the modification to the 2011 Consent Decree (CD) governing air emissions from the facility. The CD has not yet been signed by the government parties; at such time as they do, it will be lodged with the court and a comment period will begin. The original CD required new and upgraded pollution controls, including two fuel gas recovery systems (FGRSs), stringent emission limits and enhanced monitoring and leak-detection and repair (LDAR) practices to reduce emissions from refinery equipment and process units. The former owner, HOVENSA, shut down the refinery in 2012. LBT bought the facility and immediately began negotiating to modify the CD to reflect the changes anticipated. Among other provisions, the modified CD confirms that EPA will not seek penalties from LBT for any noncompliance that occurred prior to its purchase or for idled units; revises the LDAR and Benzene Waste Operations NESHAP provisions to conform with in other recent petroleum refinery CDs, which require repair and not mandatory replacement of leaking units; and allows a period in which LBT can demonstrate it can comply with flaring requirements without the installation and operation of FGRSs. However, the FGRS must be installed and operated if specified triggers are exceeded.

Saharan Dust Plume

The Caribbean experienced an unusually severe Saharan Dust event during the week of June 22, creating unhealthy and even hazardous particulate concentrations. Everyone is advised to avoid outdoor physical activities and people with preexisting respiratory conditions should remain indoors. The forecast model shows the plume moving towards the Gulf Coast states, then continuing northeast, reaching NY and NJ in the week of June 29. (Note: PR and USVI are experiencing widespread drought conditions, and in some areas severe drought conditions, with water rationing anticipated in some areas; and PR is experiencing additional earthquakes, up to magnitude 5+).

FIFRA Enforcement

R2 issued a new EPA establishment number to Rozokira Holdings LLC because it is producing a UVC light box for business-to-business disinfection and home use (i.e., a "pesticide device"). We sent an Information Request Letter to Olein Recovery Corp. of Yabucoa, PR requesting information in lieu of conducting an inspection; Olein is a registered establishment that has continued selling and donating unregistered disinfectant products with explicit pesticidal claims, including explicit health-related and antimicrobial claims, despite our efforts to educate the company about the need to register the products. Over the past two weeks we have also issued Advisory Letters to some 12 different entities offering for sale unregistered disinfectant products. We issued Notices of Refusal of Admission to Canature WaterGroup of Carmel, IN and UV Pure Technologies of Toronto, ON, Canada for

importing misbranded pesticide devices without filing a Notice of Arrival. The Canature products are Pura UV Lamps for disinfecting water; the UV Pure products are Hallet UV disinfection devices.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Columbia Smelting/Red Hook Park CERCLA Removal Site

R2 will participate in a virtual meeting with local Red Hook community groups and NYC Parks Dep't. on June 25. The focus of the meeting is on the status of work at Red Hook Park ball fields 5 – 9. The site work has been deemed “essential” and construction will recommence as early as next week. Other topics include CAG formation, community engagement and availability of site related information in other languages. This site is of interest to Rep. Nydia Velasquez and local elected officials.

Region 3Hot Topics**Farm Food Loss/Gleaning Project**

R3 Sustainable Management of Food Team is leading a national pilot program to reduce farm food loss by utilizing a technology platform designed to link farm gleaners directly to retailers, restaurants, and food service companies. The pilot seeks to create an earned revenue model for gleaning organizations, while at the same time providing a new revenue stream for farmers to get high quality produce directly to market that is otherwise going to waste. Project partners include EPA R1, R4, R7, and R8, Re-FED, Forager technology platform, and multiple gleaning organizations across the country.

R3 Smart Sectors Program, in partnership with the Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA) presented the first in a series of webinars developed and hosted by R3 OCTEA and Field Services Staff on June 16.

The webinar was presented to representatives from five golf courses and the staff of "PGA Reach Philadelphia," the 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable arm of PGA-America. This webinar included a discussion of EPA's Smart Sector Program; tools and services EPA can provide to help golf courses develop sensible approaches to better protect the environment and protect human health. The webinar included a demonstration of an EPA tool entitled, Water Resources Registry (WRR). The goal of this and future webinars is to collaborate with this sector to identify environmental concerns and promote environmental stewardship at golf courses.

R3 Settles with Superior Concrete Materials Over Clean Air Act Permit and Emissions Violations at its Former Ready-Mix Concrete Batch Plant in Washington, D.C. [Docket No. CAA-03-2020-0024]

On June 16, the R3 Regional Judicial Officer issued a Final Order concluding EPA's Clean Air Act administrative enforcement action against Superior Concrete Materials, Inc. (Superior), alleging violations of the requirement for an operating permit, and of a federal hazardous air pollutant emission standards applicable to stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines, at Superior's former ready-mix concrete batch plant in Washington, D.C. The Final Order, which incorporates a Consent Agreement executed by the parties, resolves the alleged past civil violations with a \$250,000 civil penalty. The District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment had asked R3 to address this facility. This action protects the District's air quality.

Willow Grove Naval Air Station and Joint Reserve Base Virtual Meeting, Horsham PA

On June 17, the Willow Grove Naval Air Station and Joint Reserve Base held their first virtual Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting. The meeting had about 50 attendees including local officials and their staff as well as RAB and community members. The virtual platform was generally well received by the attendees, and they provided helpful input for future virtual meetings. SEMD summarized its review of recent surface water data showing results are stable and provided an overview of actions undertaken and planned to protect drinking water. ECAD provided updates to EPA's PFAS Action Plan. ATSDR and Pennsylvania Department of Health shared updates on their community health assessment. Questions were posed via chat box and answered by the panelists verbally. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the March quarterly RAB meeting was cancelled. The last in-person meeting was held in December 2019. The next RAB meeting is scheduled for September.

EPA Publishes Proposed Rule and Direct Final Rule to Delete the First Piedmont Rock Quarry Superfund Site from the National Priorities List

On June 23, EPA concurrently published a Proposed Rule and Direct Final Rule in the Federal Register to delete the First Piedmont Rock Quarry Superfund Site from the National Priorities List (NPL). The Proposed Rule announces EPA's intent to delete the First Piedmont Rock Quarry Superfund Site from the NPL and provides a 30-day comment period for the general public to submit comments regarding this action. The Direct Final Rule outlines how the Site meets the NPL deletion criteria and amends the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) to remove the Site from the NPL. EPA published a public notice and mailed postcards to community members with information on how to submit comments and review the Deletion Docket. Comments can be submitted via email and online at [HYPERLINK

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A Pennsylvania Nonpoint Source Success Story – Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) Best Management Practices (BMP) Reduce Acidity and Metals in the Hubler Run Watershed

Nonpoint source (NPS) drainage from abandoned mines impaired Pennsylvania's Hubler Run, prompting the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to add 1.40 miles of the mainstem stream to the state's Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) list of impaired waters in 2005 for failing to meet the aquatic life designated use due to low pH and elevated levels of metals. Approximately \$700,000 in Clean Water Act Section 319 funds, along with about \$60,000 in additional funds from the Office of Surface Mining, the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, and the Canaan Valley Institute, were used to construct four passive treatment systems composed of anoxic limestone drains and limestone leach beds to address the impacts of the mine drainage discharges entering the stream. Project partners attributed observed water quality and aquatic habitat improvements to the installation of the passive treatment systems, and the stream was removed from the impaired waters list in 2018.

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Selected to Receive Technical Assistance to Address Priority Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program Needs through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) Program

MDE's CWSRF program was selected by EPA Headquarters, to receive direct technical assistance to address priority NPS program needs. Through the direct technical assistance, MDE is looking to expand statewide, a successful Frederick County tree planting program, called [HYPERLINK "https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffrederickcountymd.gov%2F7572%2FCreek-ReLeaf&data=02%7C01%7CDeLgrosso.Karen%40epa.gov%7C80eefc9c38c147114d0308d813c2dfd9%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637281074980491505&sdata=puTSg2cSfD5DhwfVlbQDPjq1Jvt7%2FwQj2OsNlhWc7PQ%3D&reserved=0"]. Currently, private landowner applications for trees exceeds the existing Creek ReLeaf program capacity. Relative to other management practices, reforestation has strong pollutant reduction values at very reasonable costs. MDE envisions implementing statewide, a tree planting program modeled after Creek ReLeaf, that achieves an economy of scale while bringing costs down through funding assistance from the CWSRF. The project reflects great teamwork and

coordination across different state and federal programs and aligns strategic goals, particularly for implementing Maryland's Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase III WIP.

Approval of Maryland's Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Submittal for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Standard

On June 16, (85 FR 36343), EPA published a final rulemaking in the Federal Register approving a state implementation plan (SIP) revision submittal from Maryland. The submittal addressed the basic program elements which are necessary to implement, maintain, and enforce the 2010 sulfur dioxide (SO₂) 1-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The action does not address the portion of the submittal dealing with interstate transport, for which EPA will take a separate rulemaking action.

EPA Approves the Redesignation of West Virginia's Portion of the Steubenville, Ohio-West Virginia Nonattainment Area to Attainment for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

On June 16, the Regional Administrator signed a final rulemaking notice (FRN) approving West Virginia's request to redesignate to attainment its portion of the Steubenville, Ohio-West Virginia multi-state nonattainment area for the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). EPA is also approving, as a revision to the West Virginia state implementation plan (SIP), West Virginia's corresponding maintenance plan for its portion of the Steubenville area. Once the rulemaking is published in the Federal Register, a press release will go out from EPA R3.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to Report.

Region 4

Hot Topics

COVID-19 activities

R4 Atlanta offices and Athens lab continue to operate in Phase 1. The GMD continues to operate under the COOP.

Regional Race Responsiveness Listening Sessions

RA Walker and R4 Senior leaders participated in four separate listening sessions this week via Teams with R4 staff.

Sterigenics, Charlotte, NC

On June 23, R4 approved the alternative monitoring plan for the dry bed adsorber which will be used to further control EtO emissions at the facility. This plan was drafted in coordination with OECA, OAQPS, and Mecklenburg County, NC.

Kentucky DEP FY21 Performance Partnership Agreement meeting

RA Walker will lead a call with R4 Senior leaders and Kentucky DEP to discuss their high-level priority alignment. This will initiate KYDEP's FY21 Performance Partnership Agreement annual planning cycle.

Westside Lead Site (Elm Street), Atlanta, GA

COVID-19 protocols continue to be enforced among the crews and encouraged among site visitors. R4 coordinated progress update calls with the City Council and the State of Georgia. Of the 1,068 residential properties identified within the site, access agreements have been obtained for 395 properties, 299 properties were sampled, and 147 properties require removal due to their exceedance of 400 ppm in lead. Of those 147 properties requiring removal, 22 have been completed, 11 are in progress, leaving 125 removals remaining. To date, 8,449 tons of non-hazardous soil has been disposed.

Southside Chattanooga Lead, Chattanooga, TN

Sampling activities resumed on June 22, and will continue through July 2, using new protocols in response to COVID-19. There are 260 properties scheduled to be sampled during this round. R4 communicated with residents prior to this activity, including making calls and releasing a video announcing the sampling event and explaining the enhanced health and safety protocols. Sampling Access is only being accepted electronically and by mail at this time.

Kentucky UST State Program Approval

The Tentative Approval Federal Register Notice for the Kentucky UST State Program Approval has been signed by RA Walker and submitted to the OFR for publication. Upon publication, a 30-day public comment period will begin. This is the first time that the state has sought UST Program Approval from EPA.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to Report.

Region 5Hot Topics**Enbridge Discovers Damage to Straits Pipeline**

On June 18, Enbridge divers discovered a damaged screw anchor and apparent coating damage on their pipeline beneath the Mackinac Straits while conducting work pursuant to the 2017 consent decree. Enbridge reported this damage to EPA within hours of its discovery. It is not currently known what caused the damage. Enbridge is providing regular updates regarding its investigation to the state, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), and the EPA. As of June 24, there have been no reports of oil released.

Enbridge owns and operates the single longest conduit of liquid petroleum in the world which is located in parts of Canada and the United States. The U.S. portion includes a network of 14 pipelines that span from North Dakota to delivery points in the Midwest and as far east as New York. The May 2017 consent decree resolves Clean Water Act and Oil Pollution Act claims against Enbridge related to two oil spills that occurred in Michigan and Illinois in 2010. The consent decree required Enbridge to pay a total civil penalty of \$62 million and implement remedial measures to improve Enbridge's ability to prevent, detect, and respond to oil spills from pipelines in the Lakehead System.

Potential Violation of Ozone Standard in Berrien County, Mich

During the last week, many locations in R5 experienced high ozone levels, including at the monitoring site in Berrien County. Berrien County had been proposed for redesignation to attainment, but preliminary review indicates that the county may now not meet the 2015 ozone NAAQS. If the exceedance is confirmed, the area would no longer meet the requirements for redesignation to attainment of the 2015 ozone NAAQS.

On May 19, EPA proposed to approve the ozone redesignation request for Berrien County based on 3 years of monitoring data showing attainment of the air quality standards. R5 is coordinating with Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to ensure the air monitoring data is quality assured and accurate.

RA Thiede Joins Great Lakes Executive Committee (GLEC) Webinar Meeting

On June 23, EPA and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) hosted a four-hour webinar for GLEC participants. RA Thiede shared opening remarks and then the webinar proceeded to discuss a variety of topics concerning the Great Lakes.

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R5 Approves Treatment as a State for Gun Lake Tribe

R5 has approved the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi of Michigan's application for treatment in the same manner as a state (TAS) under Section 518 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). This tribe is also known as the Gun Lake Tribe.

The TAS approval extends the Tribes existing eligibility for CWA Section 106 grant funding from an initial 150 acres to cover roughly 455 acres of subsequently acquired tribal trust lands. This newly approved authority makes the tribe eligible to receive grants under CWA 319.

R5 Chicago-Area Facilities and Westlake, Ohio Facility Enter Phase 1 of Gradual Workplace Return Plan

Following a 7-day closure of the buildings, the Chicago-area facilities and the Westlake, Ohio, facility entered Phase One of the gradual workplace return plan on June 23. This decision was based on a combination of assessments, requirements, and other conditions set by agency experts in conjunction with location-specific guidance.

R5 leadership is still encouraging employees to use unscheduled telework and is offering expanded flexibilities to accommodate Maxiflex schedules. These locations will stay in Phase One for a minimum of two weeks and the leadership will continue to evaluate the gating criteria to determine the next steps.

EPA Approves PCB Cleanup and Disposal at Pullman Crossings Redevelopment

R5 issued an approved remediation plan to the Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives group on June 15. PCB remediation will occur on roughly 38 acres of a 175-acre lot where an Amazon Distribution Center is being developed in Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood.

The remaining on-site area not covered by the building and parking lot where residual PCB concentrations remain below 10 mg/kg will be capped with an engineered barrier and institutional controls will be placed on the site.

R5 Participates in U.S.-Canadian Workgroup

R5 participated in a quarterly conference call of the U.S.-Canadian transboundary mining effects workgroup on June 23. The Canadian government is interested in the proposed Twin Metals Minnesota mine. This is an underground copper, nickel and precious metals mine which is proposed for a site in northern Minnesota in the Hudson Bay Basin, upstream of Canada.

A representative from the Bureau of Land Management, the lead agency for the planned federal environmental impact statement, discussed the timeline and opportunities for Canadian input. Region 5 leadership briefly outlined EPA's roles in the project.

R5 Hosts Virtual Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee

R5 Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) held a virtual meeting on June 24. In addition to conducting RTOC's regular business, this meeting followed up on the discussion of COVID-19-related needs and responses during the May 19 virtual RTOC.

RA Thiede to be Guest on IDEM's "Morning Show"

On June 26, Regional Administrator Thiede will be a special guest on Indiana Department of Environmental Management's internal morning show, "Morning Minutes with Bruno Pigott."

Since IDEM started teleworking because of the pandemic in March, Commissioner Pigott has used Microsoft Teams to host a daily program to keep staff informed about agency activities and engaged with each other. More than 50% of IDEM employees tune in every morning. The commissioner will lead an informal Q&A with RA Thiede about partnership, EPA priorities and other topics.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

June 29 Final Redesignation of the Kenosha 2008 Ozone (O3) Nonattainment Area, Wisconsin

Based on three years of recently collected air monitoring data, the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI area (Chicago area) is attaining the 2008 O3 standard. The redesignation of the Kenosha portion of this nonattainment area was proposed for approval and published in the *Federal Register* on April 17. The final redesignation notice will be ready for signature during the week of June 29, and will then be published in the *Federal Register*.

June 29 EPA to Propose to Redesignate Morgan County, Ind., to Attainment for 2010 Sulfur Dioxide

Based on three years of recent air quality monitoring data measured from 2016-2018, the Morgan County, Ind., area is meeting 2010 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for sulfur dioxide. The proposed redesignation will be ready for signature during the week of June 29, and then published in the *Federal Register*.

June 30 R5 to Host Interactive Webinar on Race, Privilege, and Collaboration in the Workplace

Race, Resilience & The Role of Being an Ally is an interactive webinar with the goal of providing attendees a safe and contained space to share their feelings about the layered implications of civil unrest and societal conflict. From there, participants are offered tools grounded in evidence-based research to help them cope with the mental fatigue that they might be facing.

Region 6Hot Topics**COVID-19**

R6 is coordinating closely with our state and tribal environmental and public health agencies as well as EPA HQ offices to elevate and address challenges quickly. Renaissance Tower in Dallas, R6 Warehouse in Addison, and the Border Office in El Paso are all under 7-day closure in preparation to move to Phase 1. R6 Return to the Workplace Plan was shared with employees and National AFGE on June 3. To date, no R6 employee has tested positive for Covid-19.

Chevron Questa Mine Superfund Site, Questa, New Mexico

R6 and NMED met to review the state's concerns with incorporating the NPDES water permit requirement into the proposed ROD amendment for the Questa Mine Superfund site. Based on coordination with the state, R6 projects the proposed ROD amendment will be delayed until March 2021. In light of this delay, NMED is expected to request Region 6 reverse its earlier decision and issue a new NPDES permit for Chevron Questa rather than administratively continuing the existing permit. R6 is working closely with Chevron regarding water sample analysis to be used preparing a Proposed Plan to amend the ROD for the Chevron Questa Mine Site to address CWA requirements. Most laboratory results have been received by Chevron, however, some laboratories have indicated delays to due COVID-19. Remaining sample results are currently scheduled to be delivered by late-June and will be validated upon receipt. Validation will take approximately two weeks.

Northwest Odessa Groundwater Site, Odessa, Texas

On June 22, R6 sent a formal request letter for state concurrence on the proposed listing of the Northwest Odessa Groundwater Site to the NPL during its next scheduled update scheduled for September 3. R6 expect to have written state concurrence by July 31.

Woodstream Pesticide Imports, Multiple Regions

On June 19, R6, Office of Pesticide Programs and OECA met to discuss a device manufactured by Woodstream that is currently undergoing relabeling in order to be imported. Woodstream's product, Dynatrap Insect Trap, is a pesticide device with a UV light to attract insects. It also emits carbon dioxide (CO₂) which further attracts insects. The Device Determination Workgroup was consulted, and as of now, these products are devices. However, as the product emits CO₂ as a chemical attractant for insects, Office of Pesticide Programs is evaluating whether it is a pesticide. Until that determination is made and further guidance is provided, the Regions are instructed to treat the product like a device and continue to work with the company to correct the packaging. The company is currently complying with these corrective actions as requested by EPA. If the Office of Pesticide Programs determines the device is a pesticide, the product will need to become registered with EPA.

Shintech, Plaquemine, Louisiana

R6 and LDEQ began piloting a joint on-site and virtual NPDES inspection process. LDEQ inspectors went on site to conduct the inspection while communicating with the off-site Region 6 inspector. Both parties reviewed records prior to the site visit via ZOOM. R6 participated in the entry and exit conferences with the facility virtually by phone. R6 also asked that specific questions be asked by the LDEQ inspector and specific pictures be taken for R6 review. R6 and LDEQ inspectors spoke several times during the day to ensure needed information was collected. The facility inspected was Shintech.

The report is being developed by LDEQ with review by R6. Next week, LDEQ and Region 6 will conduct a similar joint on-site virtual inspection at a POTW.

Airgas USA, LLC and Air Liquide Large Industries, La Porte, Texas

On June 22, the court granted EPA's June 19, motion to enter the Consent Decree in this case under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air and the Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 68 in connection with Defendants' four gas facilities located in Texas. No comments on the Consent Decree were received. The complaint arose, in part, from an incident that occurred on February 9, 2013, at one of the facilities, located in La Porte, Texas. The incident resulted in an explosion and fire that killed one employee and injured another. That facility was shut down immediately following the incident and has not reopened. Under the consent decree, defendants will pay \$257,000 as a civil penalty and will implement an enhanced audit protocol at each of its operating Texas facilities as injunctive relief to resolve the claims in the complaint.

Saharan Dust, Louisiana and Texas

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is tracking a cloud of Saharan dust from the west coast of Africa that will make its way into the Gulf of Mexico later this week. The dust plume is expected to reach the coast of Louisiana as early as Wednesday June 24, and the Texas coast by Thursday. The potential for higher than normal PM2.5 levels exists as well as elevated health concerns for sensitive groups. Elevated particulate matter concentrations due to the Saharan dust event that exceed the national ambient air quality standard may cause states to submit exceptional events demonstration packages to exclude those concentrations from calculation of design values. The situation will be monitored.

Tulsa Fuel and Manufacturing Site, Collinsville, Oklahoma

On June 24, Regional Administrator McQueen signed the proposed deletion of the Tulsa Fuels Manufacturing site from the NPL. R6 had consultation with Cherokee Nation Secretary of Natural Resources, Chad Harsha, to close out consultation conducted on June 3. Secretary Harsha requested formal consultation regarding deletion of the Tulsa Fuel and Manufacturing site from the National Priorities List, due to proximity of Cherokee Nation tribal members to the site and due to concern with exposure to additional smelter-related waste near to, but unrelated to the site.

Conroe Creosoting Company Superfund Site, Conroe, Texas

EPA, DOJ, TCEQ, and Conroe Creosoting Company (a Trammell Crow affiliate) have reached an agreement in principle regarding a BFPP Doing Work Agreement for the Conroe Creosoting Superfund Site in Conroe, Texas. Under terms of the agreement, Conroe Creosoting Company will perform a response action in return for expanded liability protection. Currently, the agreement is in the approval process at DOJ. After DOJ approves and signs the agreement, the agreement will be subject to a 15-day public comment period before becoming effective. Trammell Crow Investments plans to close on July 31, and needs the agreement to become effective before then.

Tar Creek Superfund Site, Ottawa County, Oklahoma

On June 22, R6 received two requests to extend the review and comment period for the OU5 Human Health Risk Assessment. Region 6 had originally requested comments by June 15. In response to the requests, R6 has granted an extension for the review time until August 17.

Mosaic Fertilizer, Uncle Sam Plant, Convent, Louisiana

The Technical Workgroup composed of the federal government's Subject Matter Experts, LDEQ's geotechnical experts, Mosaic's geotechnical consultant (Ardaman & Associates), and Uncle Sam's stack operations managers will hold its second meeting on June 25, (no attorneys or enforcement personnel are invited). The goal is to encourage free and open discussion and debate in order to achieve consensus on the safest path forward for continued use of Uncle Sam's Gyp Stack System. Meetings will continue until deadlocked or agreement on path forward is reached.

Denka Performance Elastomer, LaPlace, Louisiana

By June 26, R6 and OECA expect a property access agreement with DuPont to be finalized allowing completion of SPod installation. Two SPods are planned to be relocated during the week of June 29. R6 and OECA continues to monitor the ambient air using SPods around the Denka facility in LaPlace, La. From June 15, to June 21, one canister was triggered for collection. Analyses of air samples collected from May 24 - June 21, are pending. R6 continues to conduct community air monitoring data for chloroprene and post data to the public website.

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, New Orleans, Louisiana

R6 has reviewed the additional information regarding hydrologic modeling performed by the Corps of Engineers. By June 26, R6 and HQ will determine a path forward on the issue. We are still awaiting additional information from the Corps of Engineers regarding the final placement of the shell pug material. The Corps has informed the Region that the final decision on placement has been impeded by the need to conduct field efforts which may not take place until August 2020. Final signature is expected by June 30.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

New Mexico SIP Revision for Repeal of Particulate Matter Standards, New Mexico

By June 30, R6 anticipates approving a New Mexico SIP revision for the repeal of particulate matter emission standards for lime manufacturing plants in New Mexico.

Hospital, Medical, and Infectious Waste Incinerator, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Albuquerque

By June 30, R6 anticipates approving a proposed action to accept CAA section 111(d) negative declarations for Hospital, Medical, and Infectious Waste Incinerator (HMIWI) units in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Albuquerque-Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

June 25	US Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division Virtual Change of Command (Virtual)
July 2	ADAM Energy Forum Luncheon, Dallas, Texas
July 13	Texas Water 2020 Conference (Virtual)
July 22	Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Region 7

Hot Topics

The R7 Administrator, Jim Gulliford, Made a Site Visit to Roeslein Alternative Energy (Gentry County, Missouri)

Point of Contact: J.W. Hackett

Key message: On June 23, Region Administrator Gulliford visited Roeslein Alternative Energy to discuss renewable energy production in Gentry County, Missouri.

Description:

- The site visit consisted of a tour of animal waste to RNG production facilities and prairie restoration areas.
- Other participants included the Nature Conservancy.
- Discussions centered around RNG trends and ecosystem services benefits.

Two Superfund Remedial Action Framework Task Orders Were Awarded - Newton County Mining Site and the Parkview Wells Site.

Key message: Two Superfund remedial action framework task orders were awarded - Newton County Mining Site and the Parkview Wells Site.

Description:

- A design and engineering services task order was awarded for remedial investigation/feasibility study activities for lead remediation in residential yards and drinking water wells in the Newton County Mine Tailings Superfund site.
 - The DES work is in preparation of a supplemental RI and focused FS of remaining residential yards and private drinking water wells at the site.
 - The goal of the RI/FS is to use the data to develop a well-supported Record of Decision Amendment.
- A task order under environmental services and operations was awarded for long-term response activities for groundwater sampling and in-situ chemical oxidation to address a source area at the Parkview Wells Superfund site.
 - The ESO work is to complete the last year and a half of long-term response activities prior to transferring responsibility to the state of Nebraska. Long-term response activities under this task order includes groundwater sampling at 50+ wells to monitor the plume and the effectiveness of the remedial action.
 - The work to be completed by the task order will fulfill EPA's responsibilities to complete long-term response activities as prescribed in the State Superfund Contract and address the remaining source area which will assist with restoring the groundwater to its beneficial use.

R7 and Doe Run signed a Removal Action Memo and an Administrative Order on Consent to Remediate 100 Additional Residential Yards at the Big River Mine Tailings Site

Key message: A removal action memo was signed on June 18, and an administrative order on consent was signed on June 22. These actions will allow Doe Run to remediate 100 lead contaminated

residential properties in addition to the residential properties Doe Run is required to cleanup under a 2018 Consent Decree.

Description:

- Doe Run has recently expressed, and EPA has confirmed, that it is having financial difficulties due to several factors, which may result in Doe Run's difficulty to meet financial assurance obligations under a 2018 consent decree.
- Region 7 worked cooperatively with Doe Run after it suggested performing remediation on 100 additional residential properties for EPA.
- Remediation under the consent decree is in progress but will be temporarily postponed during remediation of the 100 residential properties under the administrative order on consent.
- A new property list for the 100 properties has been developed and provided to Doe Run who is anticipating starting the remediation of those properties in early July.

A Proposed Explanation of Significant Differences for the Lawrence Todtz Farm Superfund Site was Published on June 23.

Key Message: A proposed explanation of significant differences to update health-based action levels and contingency remedy action levels has been published on June 23, initiating a public comment period.

Description:

- Located near Camanche, Iowa, this site is a landfill which collected municipal and industrial wastes from 1958 to 1975.
- DuPont disposed of cellophane process waste in a 2.6-acre section of the landfill now known as the impoundment.
- The primary contaminants of concern include tetrahydrofuran, carbon disulfide, chromium, and arsenic.
- A Record of Decision for this site was completed in 1988, with construction completed by the responsible parties in 1991. The initial remedy included the installation of a soil cover over the waste impoundment, groundwater monitoring, institutional controls, and a contingency remedy triggered by action level exceedances.
- The explanation of significant differences updates health-based action levels and the action levels associated with triggering the contingency remedy to reflect current standards.
- A public comment period was required by Consent Decree and began on June 23.
- The updated action levels will potentially trigger the contingency remedy in the 1988 ROD which involves building a slurry wall and enhanced cap.
- Region 7 EPA plans to engage the responsible party to discuss a plan forward.
- Additional characterization is anticipated.

The Meskwaki Nation Requested a 30-day Extension to Respond to a 401 Certification Issue

Key Message: The Meskwaki Nation asked for a 30-day extension regarding its response to a multisector general permit 401 certification issue.

Description:

- Pursuant to a court order, the multisector general permit must be issued by Nov 2020.
- The Meskwaki Nation recently achieved treatment as a state status.

- As TAS, the Meskwaki must provide or waive the 401 certification requirements no later than 60-days from the EPA notification letter (July 6).
- During an advisory call, a question from the Meskwaki to R7 resulted in a delay.
- On June 22, R7 responded to the Meskwaki's question which prompted the Meskwaki to request a 30-day extension to respond to the 401 certifications issue.
- An extension requires approval through the Regional Administrator to EPA's Office of Water (and coordination with the Office of International and Tribal Affairs).
- R7 initiated the internal approval process this week.

The R7 Laboratory is Supporting the Superfund and Emergency Management Division and the Land Chemical and Redevelopment Division with Mission Critical Analysis and Review

Key Message: The R7 Laboratory is Supporting the Superfund and Emergency Management Division and the Land Chemical and Redevelopment Division with mission critical analysis and review of air, water and soil samples.

Description:

- The laboratory is currently in the process of completing analysis and/or data review of:
 - low detection level water and soil volatile organics,
 - air volatile organics, and
 - metals in samples from lead sites.
- The laboratory will complete a level 4 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances data validation for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- The laboratory is preparing Suma canisters for additional sampling.

Administrator Wheeler Appoints New Members from Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas to the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee

Key Message: EPA Administrator Wheeler Appoints New Members from Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas to the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee:

- William (Bill) Couser - Couser Cattle Company; Nevada, Iowa
- Nicholas McCarthy - Central Valley Ag Cooperative; York, Nebraska
- Jesse McCurry - Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association; Colwich, Kansas
- William R. Pracht – Pracht Farms and East Kansas Agri-Energy; Garnett, Kansas
- This distribution was widely picked up across the four-state region:
 - Missouri Ag Connection - [HYPERLINK
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 - Also in: Progressive Cattle, Hays Post, AgNet West, WIBW Radio (Topeka, Kansas), Ethanol Producer Magazine, Morning Ag Clips, Fence Post (Hays, Kansas), Daily News, AgView, Ottawa Herald, Leavenworth Times, Brownfield Ag News, Kansas Ag Land, Nebraska Rural Radio Network, AgriMarketing, and the Newton Kansan.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to Report.

Region 8Hot Topics**R8 Received Notice of Intent to Sue over alleged violations of ESA stemming from stormwater permit issued by the State of Colorado**

On May 21, Environmental and Animal Defense ("eaDefense"), Alexa Careno and other parties notified EPA of their intent to sue for the EPA's alleged failure to comply with the Endangered Species Act related to construction activities by Forest Lakes Residential Development, LLC under a state-issued general construction stormwater permit. Forest Lakes is engaged in construction activities covered under the stormwater permit in areas which eaDefense alleges are critical habitat for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse. EaDefense can file a complaint in federal court at the end of the notice period, July 20. ORC will be coordinating with OGC on our response.

R8 Sends a Letter of Violation to Pueblo East Plant for Noncompliance with State-issued NPDES Permit

R8 is sending a letter of violation to Transit Mix Concrete to alert the company of ongoing noncompliance at the Pueblo East Plant, a ready-mix facility. EPA conducted the inspection under the Industrial Discharger National Enforcement Initiative. Violations identified include failure to implement spill control measures and barriers and failure to conduct benchmark monitoring when discharges occur. The letter requests a response within 30 days describing Transmit Mix Concrete's actions to resolve the outstanding noncompliance. CDPHE is agreeable to R8 course of action.

R8 EJ Coordinator Asked to Serve on Advisory Committee to Support CDPHE's Development of Climate Equity Framework

R8 EJ Coordinator was asked to participate on an informal advisory committee to support the Colorado Department of Public Health's development of a Climate Equity Framework pursuant to [HYPERLINK "https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fleg.colorado.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2019a_1261_signed.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Clove.shea%40epa.gov%7C5dad178d94dd4d4396a108d818880951%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637286319829733085&sdata=1Qd8jYm6%2F6TOZTMfyDfkTYXhhUnmYIfEypR1jUJd2%2BM%3D&reserved=0"], *Climate Action Plan To Reduce Pollution*. HB 1261 requires subsequent rulemaking to consider disproportionately impacted communities and include meaningful engagement opportunities for those communities. CDPHE plans to present a draft Climate Equity Framework to the State Air Pollution Control Commission on August 20.

R8 Chemical Safety and Environmental Stewardship Food Management Lead Presented at Archuleta County Food Group Virtual Meeting

On June 24, R8 presented *Food Waste 101: Prevention and Recovery Strategies* to the Archuleta County Food System | Food Equity Coalition. This is a local group comprised of agencies and individuals interested in the food system in Archuleta County and formed in response to COVID-19.

On June 26, R8 Will Host a Virtual Meeting with Utah Natural Resources Conservation Service, Utah Army Corps of Engineers, Utah Department of Environmental Quality and Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

This is the second meeting of this type where the various Utah state and federal agencies share information on activities that have interest or overlap with the other Utah agencies. This is not a decision-making meeting but one where agencies can identify areas of overlap, collaborate on projects, and address concerns in a neutral atmosphere.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

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| June 30 | Opening remarks for the second listening session for “Expanding the Conversation on Racism, Equality and Injustice” |
| June 30 | Teleconference with North Dakota DEQ on Regional Haze |
| July 1 | R8 All Hands meeting to discuss operations during Phases 2 and 3 of Returning to the Workplace |
| July 2 | Teleconference with Region 8 State DEQ Directors |

Region 9Hot Topics**Incline Village Boat Storage Fire**

On June 18, OSC Dunkelman responded to a fire at a Boat Storage Facility in Incline Village, NV. The fire had occurred the previous day and had involved three vessels and a number of jet skis. The facility is located inland from Lake Tahoe by a short distance. The initial spill report indicated that fire-fighting runoff and foam may have entered a storm drain the leads to the lake. OSC Dunkelman confirmed that no runoff or foam had entered the storm drain. OSC Dunkelman also confirmed that Class A Foam was used and is reported by the manufacturer to contain no PFAS ingredients.

South Indian Bend Wash (Tempe AZ)

On June 23, EPA received the Final Remedial Action Completion Report for Operable Unit 3, South Area Groundwater and Operable Unit 7 South Area Soils. The report documents attainment of remedial action objectives for chlorinated solvents in groundwater and source area vadose zone soils. A new Remedial Investigation is planned to address PFAS in area groundwater.

Northeast Church Rock Mine, Navajo Nation Eastern Agency, McKinley County, NM

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will provide USEPA R6 and R9, Navajo EPA, DOE, and the New Mexico Environmental Department with a preliminary copy of their DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction of a repository for the Northeast Church Rock (NECR) Mine waste on the United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) Mill Site. The construction of the repository on the UNC Mill Site requires a license amendment from NRC which triggers the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for their agency. The agencies will have a 30-day period to review and respond with comments. NRC will then finalize the DRAFT EIS and plans to issue the document for public comment in October of 2020. Their target for a final EIS and license amendment decision is late 2021.

PFAS Sampling and Source Identification Discussion with USGS and California

We met with the State of California and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to discuss PFAS investigation/assessment work being undertaken as part of the California Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) program. This program has been sampling domestic and public water supply wells for a wide range of chemical contaminants such as PFAS. USGS is an integral part of the GAMA program, including its preliminary efforts to correlate its chemical database to PFAS occurrence through “radar plots.” We shared the work we have undertaken to fingerprint PFAS occurrence in California.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Hawaii Underground Storage Tank Program Approval**

During the week of June 29, we will route for Regional Administrator concurrence a Federal Register notice proposing to approve Hawaii’s Underground Storage Tank (UST) program to operate in lieu of the federal program. The State had previously received program approval in 2002 but revised their regulations in 2018 in response to EPA’s 2015 federal UST regulation revisions. These revisions required the State to reapply for program approval. In early July, the EPA Office of Policy will finalize the Federal Register notice for the Regional Administrator’s electronic signature and publication.

Presentation on Anaerobic Digestion

On June 30, we will participate in the [HYPERLINK

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KBVM Removal Action, San Luis Obispo County, CA

Emergency Response Sections I and II OSCs with a team of START and ERRS contractors will commence the Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA) of the Buena Vista (BV) Repository at the Klau and Buena Vista Mines (KBVM), starting in the week of June 29. Actions will include repairs to the BV Repository runoff collection system features that have degraded or failed over time, reducing their efficacy. This TCRA intends to extend the effectiveness of the BV Repository until the permanent remedial action can be installed. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) including Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) and photogrammetry will be used at the end of the TCRA to record the final site conditions. OLEM approved the use of UAS for this Site on May 29. COVID-19 mitigation protocols will be utilized during this TCRA.

Water Quality Standards "Treatment as a State" (TAS) for Karuk and Duck Valley Tribes

This week, we will approve water quality standards TAS for the Karuk Tribe (No. CA-Klamath Basin), following the June 18, approval of the same for Shoshone Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley (NV/ID border). This action brings our regional total to 24 tribes with these authorities, which allow tribes to develop surface water quality standards under CWA Section 303(c) and certify that federal permits on reservation lands protect water quality (Section 401).

EJ Discussions for Regional Staff:

July 9, the R9 EJ Team will be facilitating a series of three group discussions for interested regional staff designed to provide a safe place for conversations on the root causes of EJ issues. The purpose of the discussions is to help regional staff have more awareness of why EJ issues exist and recognize the intersection of EJ work throughout the agency.

Region 10Hot Topics

Nothing to Report.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**R10 Collaborates to Promote Wildfire Smoke Readiness**

Wildfire season has begun in R10 and last week was 'Smoke Readiness Week'. R10 collaborated with partners on the NW Air Quality Communicators group to compile and share social media messaging to promote 'smoke ready communities'. Messages about preparing cleaner indoor air spaces, how to find local air quality data, and filtration options were shared on EPA's social media and partner agencies' platforms. R10 also worked with Tribal Healthy Homes Network to create a set of tribal-specific materials for Tribes to tailor and share on their social media sites. This work will continue as wildfire season evolves. Look for the hashtag #SmokeReady2020.

Interagency Coordination Meeting on Waste Challenges in Rural Alaska

On June 30, R10 will convene the Interagency Coordination Meeting on Waste Challenges in Rural Alaska to continue to strengthen multi-agency leadership on solid and hazardous waste priorities in rural Alaska. The workgroup includes the Alaska Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health and Human Services, ATSDR, BIA, DOE, HUD, IHS, and USDA. Discussions will include: COVID-19 impacts on waste management; PPE needs for Tribal solid waste workers; 2020 "ready to fund" projects; data improvements; and Backhaul Alaska.

[[HYPERLINK "mailto:AlaskaRCRA@epa.gov"](mailto:AlaskaRCRA@epa.gov)] account created for the RCRA regulated community of Alaska

R10 created the [[HYPERLINK "mailto:AlaskaRCRA@epa.gov"](mailto:AlaskaRCRA@epa.gov)] account for the RCRA regulated community of Alaska to manage questions from the regulated community regarding Biennial Reporting, handler requirements, EPA ID number requests, and RCRAInfo data. Future plans include an Alaska RCRA website to inform the regulated community of updated rules and information as well as provide 'how to' guides to better serve their RCRA needs.

South Fork Clearwater River Suction Dredge Permitting (ID)

The USFS & BLM have tentatively approved a list of 15 suction dredgers on the South Fork Clearwater River for the upcoming season (July 15 - Aug 15). EPA will permit these 15 prior to transferring our suction dredging general permit to Idaho DEQ on July 1 per the schedule in our permitting program approval.

Approval of Alaska's 2018 Integrated Report

On June 23, EPA approved the State of Alaska's 303(d) impaired waters list. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation submitted the final 2018 Integrated Report to EPA on March 26. The report included the CWA section 305(b) report on the status of all state waters, the 303(d) impaired waters list, and the state's TMDL schedule. Although the Integrated Report describes the status of all of Alaska's waters, EPA only took action on the waters listed in Category 5, which constitutes the 303(d) list.

Office of Air and Radiation

Hot Topics

- **Packages for Signature:**
 - Determinations of Light-duty Vehicle Alternative Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Small Volume Manufacturers (Notice)
 - Iron & Steel Foundries Risk and Technology Review (Final Rule)
 - Texas Regional Haze and Interstate Visibility Transport FIP (Final Rule)
 - Texas CSAPR Petition Denial (FRN and Petition Response Letters)
 - Boiler MACT (Final Rule)
 - Revisions to Appendix P to 40 CFR Part 51, Concerning Minimum Emission Reporting Requirements in SIPs (Final Rule)
- **Packages at OMB for Review:**
 - Biogenic CO₂ (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED February 24)
 - Control of Air Pollution from Aircraft and Aircraft Engines: Proposed GHG Emission Standards and Test Procedures (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED May 1)
 - 2021 RFS Rule (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED May 13)
 - Amendments Related to Marine Diesel Engine Emission Standards (Final Rule: RECEIVED May 15)
 - Oil and Gas Sector Reconsideration (Final Rule: RECEIVED June 2)
 - Oil and Gas Sector Review (Final Rule: RECEIVED June 2)
 - Ozone NAAQS (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED June 11)
- **Packages Heading to OMB Soon**
 - Plantwide Applicability Limitation (Final Guidance)

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Air & Waste Management Association (AMWA)

Next week, Anne Idsal will speak to the AMWA to provide an overview of OAR activities.

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution PreventionHot Topics**Electrostatic Sprayer Guidance**

Several parties have approached OCSPP seeking to add electrostatic spray methods of application to antimicrobial product labels, for disinfecting large indoor spaces. OCSPP is preparing guidance for OMB review; the guidance will outline how registrants can obtain expedited reviews to add electrostatic sprayer directions to List N registrations.

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Report to Congress

EPA recently submitted the Interagency Working Group's (IWG) second report on ESA consultations for pesticides. The report overviews the IWG's progress in developing recommendations to improve the consultation process ESA requires for pesticide registration and registration review. The report also describes areas of consensus and of ongoing discussion among the IWG covered agencies, which include EPA, USDA, DOC, DOI, and CEQ.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Nootkatone Proposed Decision**

Soon EPA will publish the proposed decision on Nootkatone, a new biopesticide active ingredient discovered and developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for future use in insect repellent and pesticide products for protecting people and pets from mosquitoes and ticks. After a 15-day public comment period, EPA will finalize its decision in July. This is an initial step that could lead to end use products containing Nootkatone being introduced within two years.

Nanosilver Final Registration Decision

By June 30, OCSPP plans to release the final decision document to register the new antimicrobial active ingredient, NSPW Nanosilver, in the pesticide product POLYGUARD-NSPW MASTER BATCH (Polyguard). The product is for incorporation into textiles to suppress bacteria, algae, fungus, mold and mildew, which cause odors, discoloration, stains and deterioration. The product labeling requires finished textiles to contain less than 0.003 percent Nanosilver by weight. Based on the human health and ecological risk assessment, OCSPP determined that NSPW Nanosilver meets the regulatory standard under FIFRA for use as a materials preservative in textiles.

Action Highlights:**Going Soon to OMB**

- Agriculture Worker Protection Standard (WPS); Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) Final Rule
- Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBTs) Chemicals; Final Rules
- Draft Restricted Use Pesticide Certification and Training: COVID Flexibilities

Rules/Guidance Out for Public Comment, by date comment period closes

- Carbaryl and Methomyl Registration Review; Draft Endangered Species Act Biological Evaluations 20 (July 2)
- Perchloroethylene; Draft Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Risk Evaluation and TSCA Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) Meetings; Notice of Availability, Public Meetings, and Request for Comment (July 6)

- Pesticide Registration Review: Proposed Interim Decisions for Several Pesticides [Bifenthrin, boscalid, chlorine gas, clopyralid, Coniothyrium species, cyfluthrin and beta- cyfluthrin, cyproconazole, deltamethrin, esfenvalerate, ethoxyquin, etoxazole, fenpropathrin, flower oils, fluzifop- P- butyl, formetanate hydrochloride, Gliocladium species, mecoprop, permethrin, phenol and salts, phenothrin, pinoxaden, prallethrin, pyraclostrobin, pyraflufen- ethyl, mandipropamid, tau- fluvalinate, terbuthylazine, thiabendazole and salts, vegetable oils] (July 6)
- Pesticide Registration Review: Draft Human Health and/or Ecological Risk Assessments for Several Pesticides [acetochlor, ethofumesate, fipronil, forchlorfenuron, halohydantoin, inorganic sulfites, novaluron, oxadiazon, peroxy compounds, peroxyoctanoic acid, picloram, rotenone, sodium percarbonate, spiromesifen, thiophanate- methyl and carbendazim] (July 6)
- Pesticide Registration Review: Draft Human Health and/or Ecological Risk Assessments for Several Rodenticides [brodifacoum, bromadiolone, bromethalin, cholecalciferol, chlorophacinone, difenacoum, difethialone, diphacinone and diphacinone sodium salt, and warfarin and warfarin sodium salt] (July 6)

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Topics

- Unlike in past years where OMB issued written guidance, this year OMB provided verbal budget guidance to agencies on June 22, to prepare the FY 2022 OMB Budget Submission and Annual Plan, due to OMB in early September.
- On June 25, the revised Multi-Year Plans were due to the Office of Budget. OCFO will draft a decision paper for the Administrator on which plans to feature at the July 15, Senior Leadership Council Budget Forum. OCFO will provide summary materials for leadership review prior to the Forum.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- The Deputy CFO issued the OCFO Technical Guidance for development of FY 2022-2023 National Program Guidances on June 24. This effort begins now through the fall with early engagement with states, tribes and territories, and concludes next April with publication of the final guidances.
- As follow up to the June 19, briefing with the Associate Deputy Administrator, OCFO has requested two meetings in mid-July with the Administrator, Associate Deputy Administrator and senior leadership from OCFO, OCIR and OITA with ECOS officers and with National Tribal Caucus Executive Committee. The purpose is to get input on shared priorities and strategies, including impacts of the pandemic, as part of EPA's FY 2022 planning and budgeting process and as we look ahead to the last year of the FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan. OCFO will continue to coordinate with OITA and OCIR.
- After receiving input and decisions from the Administrator via the Assistant Deputy Administrator, the Learning Priority Leads and EPA Evidence Act Core Team, including the Deputy CFO, will brief OMB staff on June 26, regarding the agency's progress in developing the EPA's Interim Learning Agenda.
- The next E-Enterprise for the Environment monthly webinar is scheduled for July 9, from 1 – 3 PM ET and will focus on applications for Machine Learning and Predictive Analytics in environmental protection. More details about featured topics and speakers and to register can be found at [[HYPERLINK](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eenationalmeeting.net%2Fwebinars&data=02%7C01%7CWeekly_Report_Group%40epa.gov%7Ca1f3b124596147d3f7d008d81912b7a9%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637286915459828061&sdata=ukDKNzny9Dlp3%2BYT1lmNgCAYIPTbwduD0J68r1jSA%2F4%3D&reserved=0) "https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eenationalmeeting.net%2Fwebinars&data=02%7C01%7CWeekly_Report_Group%40epa.gov%7Ca1f3b124596147d3f7d008d81912b7a9%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637286915459828061&sdata=ukDKNzny9Dlp3%2BYT1lmNgCAYIPTbwduD0J68r1jSA%2F4%3D&reserved=0"].

GAO and OIG Audits and Activities

- The following tables summarize new agency GAO and OIG audits and other related activities since the last report through June 19.

GAO Audits – Week Ending 6/19/2020				
Audit Type	Title	Office	Engagement/ Report No.	Next Steps/Comments
Entrance Conference	Federal Use of Facial Recognition Technology	TBD	Engagement Code 104231	The Entrance Conference is scheduled for 6/29/2020.
	SBIR Venture Capital & Fraud, and Waste & Abuse in SBIR and STTR Programs	ORD	Engagement Codes 104352 and 104353	The Entrance Conference is scheduled for 7/6/2020.

OIG Audits – Week Ending 6/19/2020				
Audit #	Title	Status	Office	Next Steps/Comments
Project No. OAE-FY20-0240	Survey of EPA On-Scene Coordinators and Managers Regarding COVID-19	Project Notification	OLEM	Project Notification issued on 6/15/20.
Project No. OA&E-FY20-0097	OIG's FY 2020 Audit of EPA Travel Cards	Discussion Document	OCFO/AO	Discussion Document issued on 6/22/20. A response will be submitted to OIG by the OC NLT 7/6/20.
N/A	Top Pandemic-Related Challenges Facing the EPA	N/A	N/A	The OIG released a report on EPA's response to the coronavirus pandemic. In the report, OIG has identified some initial challenges to the EPA's ability to achieve its mission, as well as to the EPA's internal operations. Thirty-six other Inspectors Generals have also reported on the top pandemic-related challenges in their agencies, as released by CIGIE's

				Pandemic Response Accountability Committee.
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Other

- On June 26, OCFO will submit the EPA FY 2020 strategic review summary of findings dashboards on progress achieving the FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan to OMB.
- Due to the Independence Day federal holiday, there will be an early time and attendance close-out for the pay period ending July 4. All timecards for this pay period must be input and attested by employees and approved by supervisors no later than 10 PM EDT on July 2.
- Due to the migration part of the agency's financial reporting infrastructure and tools from the CGI Federal Phoenix Data Center to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Computing Center, some related tools and systems are scheduled to be unavailable from July 17 - July 27. More details are included in the Associate CFO's June 18, memorandum to the agency's Senior Resource Officials. Additional guidance and webinars are being provided for the agency's acquisition, assistance, and resource management communities so they can prepare for the expected downtime.

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

Hot Topics

- June 29** House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hybrid (hearing room and video) full committee “Oversight Hearing.”
- July 1** Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will hold a full committee hearing entitled, “Better, Faster, Cheaper, Smarter, and Stronger: Infrastructure Development Opportunities to Drive Economic Recovery and Resiliency

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- Ongoing** OCIR inquiry tracking of COVID-19 impacts on agency programs: this past week, managed inquiries re: disinfectant product approvals, Congressional briefing requests.
- Ongoing** COVID-19-tracking state and local inquiries of national significance re: grants, fuel waivers, enforcement.
- July 8** The LGAC Revitalizing Communities Workgroup will meet to develop its next charge involving the sustainable management of food waste. A representative from the Office of Land and Emergency Management will be available to provide feedback and answer questions.
- July 13** The LGAC Air Workgroup will meet to follow up on a June briefing from the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) on Ethylene Oxide (EtO). Members will discuss questions posed to the group about the public accessibility of Agency resources concerning EtO. An OAR representative will be available on the call to offer insight and answer questions.
- July 14** The LGAC Water Workgroup and Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee will have a combined meeting to discuss the Clean Water Act 401 Certification Rule. The Water Workgroup will discuss how to best communicate the rule to local communities and discuss the impact it will have on the current certification process.

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Hot Topics

EPA Enforcement Alert on National Compliance Initiative Focus on RCRA Air Emissions

As part of OECA's National Compliance Initiative focused on Reducing Hazardous Air Toxic Emissions at Hazardous Waste Facilities, EPA has found numerous violations and compliance issues at hazardous waste large quantity generators and treatment, storage and disposal facilities relating to failure to control organic air emissions from certain hazardous waste management activities. In June, OECA issued an Enforcement Alert to provide information to the regulated community on frequently cited compliance issues associated with air emissions from hazardous waste, recent enforcement case settlements, EPA inspection approaches, facility best practices, as well as the importance of carefully considering both the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Clean Air Act requirements when addressing organic air emissions.

Presentation to Federal Agencies at the RCRA Federal Agency Network

On June 24, OECA presented at the RCRA Federal Agency Network, a consortium of federal agency environmental managers, on federal facility compliance responsibilities during the COVID-19 public health emergency and the temporary policy on COVID-19 Implications for EPA's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program Enforcement.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to Report.

Office of General CounselHot Topics***JCM Farming, Inc. v. Wheeler*, No. 3:20-cv-01119 (S.D. Ca. filed June 18).**

New Litigation: The plaintiff seeks declaratory and injunctive relief directing EPA to (1) refer alleged violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Worker Protection Standard (WPS) notification requirements to various California officials, and (2) engage in a process to determine whether California is carrying out its enforcement responsibility for alleged pesticide use violations in the Coachella Valley. According to the complaint, the alleged “FIFRA violations Plaintiff observed, logged and photographed throughout the Coachella Valley evidence a complete lack of signage which, if present, would have warned tourists, workers and the public of pesticide usage and potential exposure to toxic chemicals.”

***Puget Soundkeeper Alliance v. EPA*, No. 2:20-cv-950 (W.D. Wa. filed June 22).**

New Litigation: Four nonprofit organizations filed a complaint challenging EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers’ final rule repealing the 2015 regulatory definition of “waters of the United States” and recodifying the prior regulations (the 2019 Rule), as well as the agencies’ Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR), which provides a new definition of “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act (CWA). Plaintiffs seek an order vacating the 2019 Rule and the NWPR and reinstating the 2015 regulatory definition, alleging that both the 2019 Rule and the NWPR are contrary to the CWA and arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act.

***Pascua Yaqui Tribe v. EPA*, No. 4:20-cv-00266 (D. Az. filed June 22).**

New Litigation: Six tribes filed a complaint challenging EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers’ final rule repealing the 2015 regulatory definition of “waters of the United States” and recodifying the prior regulations (the 2019 Rule), as well as the agencies’ Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR), which provides a new definition of “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act (CWA). Plaintiffs seek an order vacating the 2019 Rule and the NWPR and reinstating the 2015 regulatory definition, alleging that both the 2019 Rule and the NWPR are contrary to the CWA and arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act.

***Navajo Nation v. Wheeler*, No. 2:20-cv-602 (D.N.M. filed June 22).**

New Litigation: Navajo Nation filed a challenge to the 2019 Rule and the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR) alleging that (1) that the NWPR unlawfully relies on the plurality opinion, *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006), in a manner inconsistent with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and contrary to law under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA); (2) that the 2019 Rule and the NWPR violate the APA because they fail to consider the objective of the CWA, disregard the science underlying the 2015 Rule, fail to promote clarity, and consider inappropriate factors; (3) that the 2019 Rule and the NWPR violate the APA for failing to analyze the impacts of the Rule’s on the Navajo Nation’s treaty rights, in violation of the Agency’s trust responsibility for the Navajo; (4) that the Agencies violate the APA’s notice and comment requirements because the Agencies operated with a closed mind; and (5) that the Agencies violate the APA’s notice and comment requirements because they failed to respond to the requests that the Navajo and other tribes submitted that tribal waters be carved out of the new definition of “waters of the United States” and be subject to the 2015 Rule.

***Environmental Integrity Project v. Wheeler*, No. 1:20-cv-1734 (D.D.C. filed June 25).**

New Litigation: The plaintiffs filed a complaint challenging the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR). Plaintiffs allege that the agencies' interpretation of "Waters of the United States" has been foreclosed by *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006), and *County of Maui, Hawaii v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund*, 140 S. Ct. 1462, 1474 (2020) and that the NWPR is arbitrary and capricious in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act because it fails to consider numerous relevant factors, including the environmental impact of this rule; and because it allegedly fails to provide any basis for justifying their departure from scientific evidence, prior factual findings, or prior policy and practice. Finally, plaintiffs allege that the NWPR is arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act and exceeds the agencies' authority under the Clean Water Act because it inappropriately prioritizes policies the Agencies deem "most important" in lieu of the requirements of the Act.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to Report.

Office of International and Tribal AffairsHot Topics**Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Update**

EPA (OITA, OGC, OECA, OAR, and OCSPP) participated in the second round of FTA negotiations between the U.S. and United Kingdom, which took place from June 15 – June 26. EPA also reviewed and commented on the initial tranche of draft negotiating texts prepared by USTR for use in the first round of FTA negotiations with Kenya, scheduled for July 8 - July 17. EPA (OITA) also participated in the USMCA Interagency Environment Committee for Monitoring and Environment (IEC) meeting on June 24. With USMCA set to enter into force on July 1, the IEC meeting provided interagency updates on measures to implement the USMCA, including EPA supplemental appropriations to improve border water infrastructure and support the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC).

OECD Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems

EPA (OITA and OW) represented the USG in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) meeting of the Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems (WPBWE). Meeting topics included water quality and water infrastructure finance. OECD is exploring the science and mitigation options regarding pollution of marine and freshwaters in various sectors, and is also building on its efforts to better understand and promote investment in the water sector in emerging economies. OECD's efforts on water finance have laid the groundwork EPA's development of a water finance action plan – and initial implementation – for internationalizing US domestic finance approaches, such as the State Revolving Fund and WIFIA loan program.

50th Anniversary Celebration with Tribes

OITA/AIEO continues to commemorate the successful EPA-Tribal partnerships and accomplishments over the years, as EPA celebrates its 50th Anniversary. This week, AIEO shared [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/50/celebrating-partnerships"](https://www.epa.gov/50/celebrating-partnerships)]. The website features messages from Assistant Administrator McIntosh and Director Scott Mason, links to learn more about EPA's environmental protection programs in Indian Country, including GAP Success Stories, and congratulation videos from tribal and international partners. In addition, AIEO posted a [[HYPERLINK "https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FEPAa1lnations%2Fstatus%2F1275477202797310022%3Fs%3D20&data=02%7C01%7CWeekly_Report_Group%40epa.gov%7C4b0c9fbd517d42c65ff808d819013ab7%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637286840348086996&sdata=Nk1ihN7Pvp%28kdw744hXPzLrb%2Fa4quEGnXG4308IbUM%3D&reserved=0"](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FEPAa1lnations%2Fstatus%2F1275477202797310022%3Fs%3D20&data=02%7C01%7CWeekly_Report_Group%40epa.gov%7C4b0c9fbd517d42c65ff808d819013ab7%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637286840348086996&sdata=Nk1ihN7Pvp%28kdw744hXPzLrb%2Fa4quEGnXG4308IbUM%3D&reserved=0)] on social media and it was shared in [[HYPERLINK "https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FEPAespanol%2Fstatus%2F1275479914318307330&data=02%7C01%7CWeekly_Report_Group%40epa.gov%7C4b0c9fbd517d42c65ff808d819013ab7%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637286840348096954&sdata=Le4dilt5UoTelHikQ2Q8BWpOwZm1oU4Logz9oWe3ySM%3D&reserved=0"](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FEPAespanol%2Fstatus%2F1275479914318307330&data=02%7C01%7CWeekly_Report_Group%40epa.gov%7C4b0c9fbd517d42c65ff808d819013ab7%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637286840348096954&sdata=Le4dilt5UoTelHikQ2Q8BWpOwZm1oU4Logz9oWe3ySM%3D&reserved=0)] on @EPAespanol to educate the public about the tribal program, which resulted in over 50 participants within hours.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

June 26	Administrator Wheeler and OITA AA Chad McIntosh will participate virtually in the CEC Council Session with the Ministers of Canada and Mexico.
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Office of the Land and Emergency Management

Hot Topics

Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR)

- a. CCR Phase 2 proposed rule (package 1) – On October 15, 2019, the public comment period ended; OLEM is reviewing the comments.
- b. CCR permitting NPRM (package 3) – The public comment period ends July 19.
- c. CR litigation packages (package 2, parts A and B) – On June 19, OMB received the Part A final rulemaking package for 30-day review. For the Part B final rule, we anticipate a draft package coming to the OLEM IO for review soon.
- d. CCR Legacy Units ANPRM - Package expected to be sent to OP for OMB review soon.

Modernizing Ignitable Liquids Determinations Final Rule

On June 8, the Administrator signed the final rule; it is in the queue for FR publication soon.

PCB Extraction NPRM

OLEM is working on the package and we anticipate it going to OP soon for OMB review.

Subpart J Monitoring Rule

Option selection was held May 7. The workgroup will proceed with developing the rulemaking documents.

FY 2019 Superfund Five-Year Report to Congress

On June 8, OP submitted the report to OCIR for OMB review.

Ongoing major Superfund NPL sites

We are working with R2 on Maywood, Woodbrook Road, and Rolling Knolls; R3 on Barefoot; R4 on Oak Ridge, Birmingham 35th Ave., and Petroleum Products Corporation; R5 on Sandoval; and R10 on Portland Harbor, Quendall Terminal, Bradford Island, and East Waterway.

CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance (next three sectors)

The public comment period for the Industry 2 (Petroleum and Coal) rule ended on February 21. On May 6, an options selection meeting for 108(b) additional classes was held. The public comment period for the Industry 3 (Chemical Manufacturing) NPRM ended May 6.

PFAS

Designation of PFOA/PFOS as CERCLA Hazardous Substances NPRM. The rule package was submitted to the Office of Policy on September 20, 2019, for OMB review.

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) PFAS Destruction and Disposal Interim Guidance

The draft document was distributed for final workgroup closure on June 18.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

EPA 50th Anniversary. July is “Land” month. OLEM is working closely with OPA to highlight its programs throughout the month.

Office of Mission Support

Hot Topics

EPA Acquisition System (EAS) Monthly Office Hours Return

One of the EAS User Care initiatives is to provide opportunities for one-on-one assistance from an EAS expert. OMS will hold a virtual session from 9am-5pm EST on Thursday's and as needed.

Participants are encouraged to [HYPERLINK

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Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

“Thriving Tuesdays” Webinar

OMS is hosting a “Thriving Tuesdays” webinar series between June 2 - June 30. Participants will learn about healthy habits and how stress can negatively impact overall health and wellness. Last webinar for the month of June is listed below:

- **Working from Home and Caring for the Sandwich Generation**, Tuesday, June 30, @ 12:00 – 1:00 PM EDT. Click here to [HYPERLINK "https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fevent.on24.com%2Fwcc%2F%2F2405576%2F40764B5BFC2A74C37F67A2861F53B596&data=02%7C01%7CCarter-Jenkins.Shakeba%40epa.gov%7C737260d8eb26448dc76208d812f53401%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637280191639549655&sdata=4h0sPTkpPmqcairdAGqPUBC11R%2FW7x6LEhn15DoBHJs%3D&reserved=0"].

July’s webinars for healthy mind and body

The [HYPERLINK

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- Balancing Work and Home Life in the Current Climate
- How to Deal with Stress & Anxiety while Working from Home
- Fitting Fitness into Your Lifestyle
- Quick 30-Minute Healthy Meals
- Mental Health: Discussing Depression, Anger and PTSD

Office of PolicyHot Topics**Spring Regulatory Agenda announcement**

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be releasing the Spring 2020 Unified Regulatory Agenda this week or the following. The Office of Policy will announce the agency's regulatory agenda following OMB's announcement.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Active Interagency Reviews from OMB		
Subject		OMB Due Date
DOI&DOC NPRM (Pass-back): Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat		06/23/2020
OPM Interim Rule: Scheduling of annual leave by employees determined necessary to respond to certain national emergencies		06/25/2020
DOC/BIS FRM: Amendment to Country Groups for Ukraine Under the Export Administration Regulations		06/26/2020
GSA ANPRM: General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Increasing Order Level Competition for Federal Supply Schedules (GSAR Case 2020-G502)		07/01/2020
OPM & ODNI Guidance: General Statement of Policy (re Federal Personnel Vetting Core Doctrine)		07/02/2020
GSA NPRM: Federal Management Regulation; Replacement of Personal Property Pursuant to the Exchange/Sale Authority		07/08/2020
Documents Sent to the OFR from June 17 - 24, 2020		
FRL #	Title	Date Sent to FR
10011-02-OW	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program (WIFIA) Criteria Pursuant to Public Law 116-94	06-24-2020
10011-66-OMS	NESHAP for Benzene Emissions from Benzene Storage Vessels and Coke Oven By-Product Recovery Plants (Renewal)/ICR 1080.16	06-24-2020
10011-70-OMS	NSPS for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) Units (Renewal)/ICR 2384.05	06-24-2020
10011-73-OMS	Regional Haze Regulations (Renewal)/ICR 2540.03	06-24-2020
10011-72-OMS	Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products (Renewal)/ICR 1764.08	06-24-2020

10011-51-Region 4	Air Plan Approvals; KY; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Modeling Infrastructure Requirements for 2015 Ozone NAAQS	06-24-2020
10010-73-Region 9	Air Plan Approval; California; Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District	06-23-2020
10011-52-Region 1	Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; Connecticut; Determination of Clean Data for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Greater Connecticut Area	06-23-2020
10011-42-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; Massachusetts; Negative Declaration for the Oil and Gas Industry; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule	06-23-2020
10009-90-Region 4	Commonwealth of Kentucky: Tentative Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program	06-22-2020
10010-44-OCSP	Long-Chain Perfluoroalkyl Carboxylate and Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonate Chemical Substances; Significant New Use Rule	06-22-2020
10010-78-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; KY: Jefferson County Performance Tests	06-22-2020
10010-75-OMS	Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Tennessee	06-22-2020
10009-95-OCSP	Review of Dust-Lead Post-Abatement Clearance Levels	06-19-2020
10010-92-Region 5	Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for Riverview Energy Corporation; Petition for Objection to State Operating Permit for ESSROC Cement Corporation	06-19-2020
10010-86-Region 3	Air Plan Approval; Redesignation of the Marshall Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan	06-19-2020
10011-22-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; New Hampshire; Negative Declaration for the Oil and Gas Industry	06-19-2020
10011-16-OCSP	Methylene Chloride (MC); Final Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Risk Evaluation; Notice of Availability	06-19-2020
10011-20-ORD	Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee Meeting – July 2020	06-19-2020
10011-23-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Control of Particulate Matter and Visible Emissions	06-19-2020
10011-34-Region 1	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the Industri-Plex Superfund Site	06-19-2020
10011-05-Region 3	Withdrawal of Proposed Disapproval of Transport Portion of Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Submittal for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Standard	06-19-2020
10007-92-Region 5	Air Plan Approval; Minnesota; Revision to the Minnesota State Implementation Plan	06-18-2020
10008-69-OMS	Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act (Renewal)/ICR 2446.03	06-18-2020

10010-09-Region 3	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the First Piedmont Rock Quarry (Route 719) Superfund Site	06-18-2020
10010-63-Region 3	Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the West Virginia Portion of the Steubenville Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area	06-18-2020
10010-08-Region 3	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the First Piedmont Rock Quarry (Route 719) Superfund Site	06-18-2020
10010-69-Region 3	Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard Second Maintenance Plan for the Charleston, West Virginia Area Comprising of Kanawha and Putnam Counties	06-18-2020
10010-68-Region 3	Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard Second Maintenance Plan for the Huntington, West Virginia portion of the Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY Area Comprising Cabell and Wayne Counties	06-18-2020
10010-71-Region 3	Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard Second Maintenance Plan for the Wheeling, West Virginia Area Comprising Marshall and Ohio Counties	06-18-2020
10010-70-Region 3	Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard Second Maintenance Plan for the Weirton, West Virginia portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV Area Comprising Brooke and Hancock Counties	06-18-2020
10011-07-Region 9	Air Quality State Implementation Plan Approval; Nevada; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard	06-18-2020
10011-17-Region 5	Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Redesignation of the Inland Sheboygan, WI Area to Attainment of the 2008 Ozone Standards	06-18-2020
10011-21-OW	Drinking Water: Notice of Final Action on Perchlorate	06-18-2020
10011-26-OA	Notice of Meeting of the EPA Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC)	06-18-2020
10010-12-OAR	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Miscellaneous Coating Manufacturing Residual Risk and Technology Review	06-17-2020
10010-15-OAR	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Taconite Iron Ore Processing Residual Risk and Technology Review	06-17-2020
10010-57-Region 6	Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Infrastructure for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards	06-17-2020

Office of Research and DevelopmentHot Topics**Covid-19 Research****Wastewater Monitoring Efforts for SARS-CoV-2**

ORD researchers continue collaboration with the Ohio Water Resources Center to develop a state-level wastewater monitoring pilot. On June 16, there was an initial meeting of the lab network members including, ORD and state university labs from Ohio State University, University of Toledo, University of Akron and Kent State University. Researchers continue to receive samples from Marion, OH and the Cincinnati Municipal Sewer District, concentrating on sewer sheds within Cincinnati that have a higher prevalence of COVID-19 cases or higher prevalence of hospitalizations.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Research on SARS-CoV-2

On June 30, ORD will share the EPA/CDC for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes and the cleaning and disinfection research currently underway to members of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA).

On July 1, ORD will present information on the cleaning and disinfection research to the American Public Transportation Association's Mobility Recovery and Restoration Task Force. The Task Force is tasked with developing a roadmap for public transportation services in the post-COVID-19 pandemic world. The task force is chaired by leaders from Los Angeles County Metro Transit Authority (LA Metro), the Central Ohio Transit Authority, and the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Personal Protective Equipment

ORD scientists continue to work with scientists from the University of North Carolina Center for Environmental Medicine Asthma and Lung Biology (UNC-CEMALB) to address immediate questions to improve availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Updates include:

- There continues to be a shortage of PPE, including N95 respirators. The team is testing respirators and masks following different conditions to simulate typical use, repeated washes and re-use. The data on effectiveness is being used by medical groups in Raleigh and hospitals in the NC research triangle area to prioritize which PPE to utilize first and strategies to increase the lifespan of PPE.
- To date, the team has evaluated over 100 different respirators and masks.
- UNC Chapel Hill will purchase over 100,000 masks for delivery by the end of July for the students and faculty to wear while on campus. The team is evaluating different masks to determine which of the options gives the maximum protection so that the University can make an informed decision.
- The team is evaluating different materials that can be used in face coverings by athletes that will prevent transmission of droplets but still allow for easy breathing while exercising.

PFAS Innovation Treatment Team (PITT)

The PFAS Innovative Treatment Team (PITT) continues to line up field and lab work this summer to study ways of destroying PFAS. A QAPP is being developed this week for thermal analysis studies of PFAS destruction at the University of Dayton Research Institute. In other lab work, a New Zealand mechanochemical ball milling company has sent the PITT an estimate for testing AFFF-contaminated media and providing process design and scale-up information. This work will be complementary to EPA in-house research. Discussions are underway with a global infrastructure firm regarding laboratory procedures for conducting joint electrochemical oxidation research through a MCRADA mechanism. The PITT is also working towards biosolids and gasification field research this summer with a U.S. company specializing in disposal of biosolids, green waste and biomass. An MOU with them is undergoing EPA review. In other field research, the PITT is pursuing two opportunities for testing the use of supercritical water oxidation (SCWO) to destroy PFAS.

ORD Science Helps Inform New Rulemaking

On June 22, [HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-takes-action-stop-use-certain-pfas-products-and-protect-american-consumers>" \]

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under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) that prohibits companies from manufacturing, processing, or importing products containing certain long-chain PFAS without prior EPA review and approval. The rule strengthens the regulations of long-chain PFAS that have been phased out in the U.S. and importing products that contain certain long-chain PFAS as a surface coating and carpeting containing perfluoroalkyl sulfonate chemical substances. The Agency used ORD research to help develop the regulation. Out of the 36 total references used for the rulemaking, 11 were for peer-reviewed journal articles with ORD contributors.

EPA Releases New Approach Methods Work Plan

EPA publicly released the [HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/epa-new-approach-methods-work-plan-reducing-use-animals-chemical-testing>"], which describes how the Agency's plans to develop, test, and apply chemical safety testing approaches without the use of animals. EPA will host a public webinar on June 30, to discuss its NAM Workplan. Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, David Dunlap and Alex Dunn will provide remarks and ORD's Russell Thomas will provide an overview of the work plan during the webinar.

ECOTOX Knowledgebase Linked to OECD eChemPortal

All the data available in the ECOTOX database can now be accessed through the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's [HYPERLINK

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d.Carolyn%40epa.gov%7C6d145efe21ab4a5e99c908d81859be65%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637286121005871821&sdata=Y7QhZkiAh9C7YHebIVhmGBI3yH7nb1wUNFP9s66zQsQ%3D&reserved=0"], a global portal to information on chemical substances. EPA's ECOTOX Knowledgebase is a comprehensive, publicly available application providing chemical environmental toxicity data on aquatic life, terrestrial plants and wildlife. ECOTOX hit a milestone earlier this month and now contains over 1 million results of toxicity information for chemicals.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

ECOS-EPA PFAS Call

On June 29, ORD will host the bimonthly ECOS-EPA PFAS Call to share PFAS science and technical information. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will present on New Jersey's recently set drinking water standards (human health-based Maximum Contaminant Levels) for PFOA and PFOS. OW will provide an update on EPA's proposed decision to regulate PFOA and PFOS in drinking water and an update on scoping of aquatic life water quality criteria for PFOA and PFOS to support protection of aquatic life and aquatic-dependent wildlife.

Early Guidance for Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science

On July 17, ORD will hold an early guidance meeting with Administrator Wheeler. There will be a pre-brief with participating AAs on July 1.

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Draft Lake Numeric Nutrient Criteria Public Webinar

Next week, OW will host a public webinar about the scientific underpinnings of the draft ambient water quality criteria document for nutrients in lakes and reservoirs. The public comment period for the document will close on July 21. Open press.